

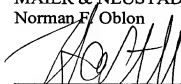
REMARKS

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of Claims 1-14 as anticipated by US 4,525,488 (Cuscurida et al) and of Claims 1-12, 14 and 16-21 as anticipated by US 3,876,405 (Eilerman), are respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejections would now appear to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability of Claims 15 and 22-24. The presently-claimed subject matter is now drawn to said allowable subject matter with the exception of the broader scope of Claim 15, as discussed above. None of the applied prior art discloses or suggests this subject matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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